

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

~~In re Application of:~~  
Robert P. Badrak

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**For:                  Method And Apparatus For  
                          Expandable Liner Hanger  
                          With Bypass**

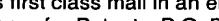
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Customer No.: 36735

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b></p> <p><b>37 CFR 1.8</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January <u>26</u>, 2004.</p>	
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